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1. (AMENDED) A vehicle door latch mechanism for releasably retaining a door comprising:

a latch bolt having a closed condition capable of retaining a striker and an open condition capable of releasing said striker;

a pawl releasably securing said latch bolt in said closed condition; and

a retention plate including at least one mouth co-operating with said latch mechanism to releasably retain said striker, at least one pivot pin hole defining a pivot pin hole surface for a pivot pin, said latch bolt, said pawl and said retention plate co-operating to releasably retain said striker, and at least one of said latch bolt, said pawl and said retention plate are made from a plurality of structural laminations of material.

10. (AMENDED) The latch mechanism as recited in claim 8 wherein said plurality of plate laminations co-operate to provide a fixing system to secure said latch mechanism operably in an operating position.

15. (AMENDED) The latch mechanism as recited in claim 1 wherein at least one of said plurality of laminations is non homogeneous such that a strength of said lamination as measured in a first direction is different from a strength of said lamination as measured in a second direction.

21. (NEW) The latch mechanism as recited in claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of structural laminations are formed in one piece.

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22. (NEW) A vehicle door latch mechanism for releasably retaining a door comprising:

a latch bolt having a closed condition capable of retaining a striker and an open condition capable of releasing said striker; and

a pawl releasably securing said latch bolt in said closed condition, and at least one of said latch bolt and said pawl is made from a plurality of structural plurality of laminations of material wherein a profile of one of said plurality of laminations is different from a profile of the other of said plurality of laminations.